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Turner turnabout

A retired intelligence officer who witnessed the trial of Frank Snapp resulting from Mr. Snapp's failure to clear his book, "Decent Interval," with the CIA prior to publication recalls the testimony of former CIA Director Stansfield Turner during that trial. Adm. Turner's position on pre-publication review with regard to his own book was reported in this column yesterday as being that secrecy restrains free speech. Our informant says at the Snapp trial, however, Adm. Turner testified that publication of the work of former intelligence officials was detrimental if not devastating to the country's intelligence efforts. He said even unclassified material revealed by former intelligence officers could be harmful to national security. "I remember specifically what he said," our informant said, "and it certainly contradicted his position as you reported it.